

WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

Readers of this column will be pleased to learn that a much more comprehensive summary of World News is now being published in connection with the Torrance Herald and Lomita News, in the News-Review Section each week.

Realizing for some time that more and more of our readers were depending upon the Torrance Herald and the Lomita News for their news of the outside world as well as news of this community, we have expanded the Week's World News to an entire section. In this News-Review Section you will find a graphic and condensed picture of all important happenings in the country, state, nation and world, presented in a straightforward, concise manner.

It is longer will it be necessary to wade through countless pages of metropolitan dailies to obtain news of California. Here, once a week you can sit down and get ALL THE FACTS—minus the publicity, in less than an hour's reading.

Who is there who does not like to keep informed on the news of the world? But who is there that has the time to read through the mass of unimportant printed matter published in the bulky metropolitan papers in order to find the REAL NEWS?

With the answer is, READ THE NEWS-REVIEW SECTION each week.

EDITOR.

METROPLANE CO. SEEKING SITE FOR FACTORY

J. F. Fix, Vice President of Courier Monoplane Company, Trying to Find Tract in Torrance

Efforts are being made to locate a plant of the Courier Monoplane company, of which M. J. Fix is president, in Torrance; according to information given out by Charles Vonderhage, of the Vonderhage Realty Co.

Vonderhage is securing options on tracts suitable for the airplane factory to submit to the directors of the company in the near future.

The amount of ground which the company will purchase has not yet been determined, but Vonderhage states at least 50,000 square feet of floor space will be required for the initial operations of the company. Options will be taken on tracts of from two to twenty acres, according to Vonderhage, according to local sources.

It is very likely that the Courier Monoplane Company will purchase a site a few hundred feet wide and at least 2500 feet long, and that they can test their planes on their own field, and brokers who have industrial property listed are expected to get in touch with Vonderhage.

J. F. Fix, vice president of the Courier Company, is reported to be anxious to locate the factory in Torrance, which has been his home for over 10 years. However, Fix says that some very attractive offers have been received from property owners around Mines Field in Inglewood and the Metropolitan Airport in the San Fernando Valley. The Janus Investment Company is also reported to have made a good offer on the Montana tracts in North Long Beach.

Eastern cities are also bidding for monoplane factories, according to Fix, and some of the Eastern towns have offered to give his company as much as 150 acres of land to locate the plant.

The Courier Monoplane company is making rapid headway in developing a marketable plane. Their present analysis, an impressive feat in airplane construction, has been approved by the Department of Aeronautics in Washington and government passenger certificate for their three-place cabin plane as well as the trainer ship will not be issued in a few days, according to Mr. Fix.

Readers for Courier planes are on hand, stated Mr. Fix, willing to employ an initial work force of 200 men, as soon as the new plant is built.

CLOSED MONDAY

Offices of the Torrance Herald, as well as those of the Automatic Printing Company, will be closed Monday Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

BILL BARBER SAYS

Scientists Have Discovered that the Kind of Hens that Lay the Longest are Dead Hens.

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NEW BUILDING FIRM BEGINS BIG PROGRAM

D. Spurlin, Torrance Welch and Paul Walz Start Construction of \$12,500 Boarding Hotel.

Program Calls for Immediate Building of 12 Houses—See Shortage of Houses Ahead, Due to Industrial Expansion.

Anticipating an acute shortage of living accommodations in Torrance as soon as the contemplated merger of the Columbia Steel Corporation with the United States Steel Corporation is consummated, a new building and investment company has been formed in Torrance to begin the construction immediately of a number of dwelling units and homes, both for rental and sale. The new company is known as the Homebuilders' Investment and Building Company, and is composed of D. Spurlin, president; Torrance Welch and Paul Walz, B. C. Buxton is architect and construction counsel.

Ground has already been broken for the erection of a \$12,500 boarding hotel, at 921-923 Sartori avenue, Torrance, to serve as permanent homes for unmarried people working in the Torrance industries. The structure consists of a four-room apartment for the host and hostess connected by a long hall with eight sleeping rooms, 10 feet by 11 feet. Each sleeping room has a lavatory and clothes closet, individual register heat, and hot and cold water. Ventilation is provided by large transoms over the doors and outside windows. The interior decorations and furnishings will be of exceptional quality. Philippine mahogany doors, lending pleasing contrast with the white enamel woodwork. The hotel will have hardwood floors throughout. Garages for seven cars are provided.

The bachelor hotel has already been leased to Miss Bill Mitchell of Lomita, who is an experienced manager of high class boarding houses.

The building will be ready for occupancy about November 1. D. Spurlin, president of the Homebuilders' Investment and Building Company has been identified almost since its inception. He already owns more houses than any individual or company in Torrance, numbering 47 dwelling units. Associated with Mr. Spurlin is Torrance Welch, president of the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association and a member of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange. Paul Walz, the third member of the company, is a Los Angeles investment broker.

"I have always been satisfied with the return on my investment in rental property in Torrance and for this reason I do not hesitate to invite my friends to join me in further building for rental and sale purposes.

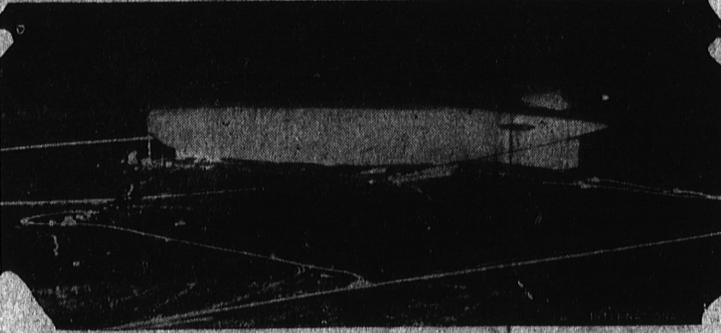
"The present construction of the Homebuilders' Investment and Building Company calls for the immediate erection of about twelve houses. Construction crews will be moved as the work progresses from one structure to the next, thus providing regular employment for the building trades. However, our company is prepared to build and sell homes on small payments of any desired size from the modest three room dwelling to the more elaborate six or seven room home," Mr. Spurlin continued.

In commenting upon his experiences in renting houses in Torrance, Mr. Spurlin said he always made it a practice to keep informed on rental prices in neighboring towns and endeavored to keep his rents down to a level that compared favorably with those charged in other communities.

"The secret in making money in rental property," said Mr. Spurlin, "is in keeping your tenants satisfied so that they will remain for longer periods. It is better to keep the monthly rents down and have regular tenants than to get higher rents with frequent vacancies. If investors would study the demands and build rental property to

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Zep Soars Over Housetops Here



The Graf Zeppelin, shimmering in the moonlight, as she glided over Torrance and Lomita at 2 o'clock Monday morning. This picture, taken in the bright moonlight aided by the searchlights of the airport, portrays the never-to-be-forgotten visit of the globe circling air liner to the Southland. Without halting after her 6000 mile flight from Japan, the great grey Mistress of the Air paid her respects to Torrance and Lomita directly after she passed over Los Angeles and Mines Field.

Awakened from their slumbers in the middle of the night by the loud hum of powerful motors whirling in the air above their homes, Torrance residents ran out from their homes Sunday night to get a closeup view of the great Graf Zeppelin as she glided directly over the residence section of Torrance and Lomita from her epochal flight across the Pacific from Tokyo.

Clad in scanty negligee and nightgowns, some not even bothering to throw on outer wraps, young and old alike stood in awe and wonderment as the great silver ship slipped over their heads, glistening in the bright moonlight of a clear Southern sky. The forward cabin of the Zeppelin was brilliantly lighted like an excursion steamer, but the entire ship was plainly visible in the clear moonlight.

Many residents of Torrance and Lomita, fearing that they might miss the giant Mistress of the Air, left their homes during the evening and parked on the property adjoining Mines Field. At 1:30 a. m. the lights of her forward cabin appeared over Los Angeles and fifteen minutes later the Graf drifted majestically over the heads of the half million spectators at Mines Field and headed directly for Torrance and Lomita in a great circle of the beaches and the suburban territory about Los Angeles.

Whether the ship was seen in the powerful beams of the searchlights at Mines Field or viewed in the mystic light of the crescent moon against the sky's sea of blue studded with myriads of stars, the sight was one that will never be forgotten.

Aside from the magnitude of the great Sea Liner, perhaps the characteristic that most impresses the spectator is the lady-like grace and ease of manner as she moves about the sky. This gracefulness was particularly noticeable when she moored shortly after daybreak. Drifting low over the field from the North, the Graf smoothly circled and dipped—it was like a formal bow. Then barely skimming the buildings on the rim of the field she gently dipped again coming to a halt with her rear gondola scarcely touching the earth. The trained crew adroitly "walked" her to the mast as she was made fast.

As Torrance and Lomita are only twenty minutes' drive from Mines Field, thousands of local residents drove over Monday to get a close-up ground view of the distinguished visitor to Southland skies. Traffic was heavy but moved in orderly fashion and few accidents were reported.

Shooting into the air with skyrocket-like speed, Dr. Eckener gave spectators at Mines Field a thrill they will long remember, as he gave the "gun" to all five motors of the Graf Zeppelin shortly after 12 o'clock Monday night and the sky cruiser was on her way to New York to complete the last hope of the round the world flight.

Several Torrance people were standing directly in front of the Graf during the ground maneuvering prior to turning on the motors. All was quiet, when suddenly the giant ship nosed over their heads, missing the light poles and wire lines by mere "inches" it seemed. In fact, to the people on the ground it looked like a crash was unavoidable, but the skillful handling by the commander and his crew brought the massive ship safely through the narrow opening between the poles and she skimmed the power lines without a scratch. Later it developed that the temperature of the air just above the dirigible had been miscalculated, and she did not rise as quickly as expected. A horrible accident was averted by the quick witted Eckener who turned the nose of the skyrafter downward, thus snapping the tail quickly upward and slightly over the power wires. Had not this quick action been taken, authorities on lighter-than-air ships say the hydrogen in the great bag would have burned in a flash, killing all the passengers aboard the ship and hundreds of spectators on the ground. It is said that the eye brows and hair of everyone within a half mile radius would have been burned off.

M. E. CHURCH STARTS WORK ON ADDITION

Sunday School Departments to be Housed in Two-room Annex

Construction work on the new \$8500 addition to the Methodist church at the corner of El Prado and Manuel avenues, began Monday morning and completion is expected about October 5.

The building will be 48 feet long and contain two large rooms, which will house the young men's and young women's departments of the Sunday school. Brotherhood dinners will also be given in the new portion of the church, and it is hoped to have the section ready for the first Brotherhood dinner of the new year, which falls on Monday, October 14.

Mission patio style will be carried out as in the present building.

P. O. Guy has been awarded the building contract and Reginald Freeman of Long Beach is the architect.

Mail boxes throughout the city of Torrance have been given a new coat of the regulation olive green paint, according to Postmaster Gouder.

New Defense Units Planned for Coast

Coast artillery, located at San Pedro, Long Beach, and San Diego, may soon be converted into anti-aircraft units. If plans for the change are successfully carried out.

At the present time only one detachment of anti-aircraft defense is stationed on the California coast, at San Francisco. Coast artillery with its limited range of activity is inadequate, according to some military authorities, in view of the increasing activity in airplane development all over the world.

Burglars Enter House on Beech St.

Loss of an automatic rifle, .22 caliber, taken from 304 Beech street, was reported to the police Sunday evening.

Residents at that address reported that nothing else had been taken.

LEE CONNER RETURNS

Lee Conner, who has spent the summer with relatives in Horton, Kansas, returned to Torrance Friday evening, and is making his home with his brother, Earl Conner.

FIESTA OPENS WITH CROWDS

Cars were parked for blocks around the City Hall, as the 12th Annual Fiesta and Auto Show opened last evening with a record crowd. It was estimated that over two thousand people attended during the evening.

The tango and live duck ringling games drew capacity crowds and the five animal acts were loudly applauded by what seemed like every child in Torrance. Later in the evening, the dance floor over the Levy building was crowded.

In the Automobile Section, a fine selection of late model cars were exhibited and admired by visitors. The commercial displays also proved to be very interesting. The Ralston Players presented "The Cave Man" to an appreciative audience. The play will be repeated tonight. "The Haunted Hour" will be given Friday and Saturday evenings.

It was the general opinion that this year's Fiesta and Auto Show was one of the best in the twelve years that the American Legion has been sponsoring them, and the Legionnaires wished the Herald and News to express their hearty thanks to everyone who had helped make the Fiesta and Auto Show a success.

Three more big nights of fun

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Mayor Dennis Gets Card From Tokio Via Zeppelin

A few hours after the Graf Zeppelin's nose was tied to the mooring mast at Mines Field, the postman delivered a card to Mayor and Mrs. John Dennis, sent to them from a Japanese friend in Tokio, Japan, in the mail sacks aboard the giant airliner.

The card was postmarked, "First Round the World Flight, by Graf Zeppelin, Tokio, 21-8-9", and was received in Los Angeles, August 28, 1929.

The message to Mayor and Mrs. Dennis was as follows:

"198 Yamabukicho, Ushigome, Tokio, Japan, Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis, Torrance, Calif., U. S. A. My dear Mr. and Mrs. D.:

After few hours you see the G. Zeppelin you will receive this card. By this the first quickest mail I want send a word to you that we are all well in this hot days, and hope you as well as we are. We remain, Yours sincerely, R. Hiyeda and Family.

The Japanese was crazy the ship she came."

Mayor Dennis explained that R. Hiyeda is an expert dairymen who for twelve years leased the Dennis dairy ranch near Hillsboro, Oregon. He was educated at an agricultural college in Tokio, taking a four year course in dairying, provided with all expenses paid by the Japanese government.

Upon graduating in Tokio, R. Hiyeda came to Seattle and worked for a German dairymen who taught

him the American side of dairy farming. Later Mr. Hiyeda made a trip to Japan where he was married.

With his Japanese bride, Hiyeda returned to America and leased the Dennis ranch where the young couple lived for twelve years and reared a family of five children.

When the eldest daughter, Mary, was in high school, the family made a second trip to Japan, and were restrained from re-entering the United States by the passage of the immigration quota law.

Mary Hiyeda has since graduated from the Tokio College of Fine Arts and is now teaching in the schools of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis became well acquainted with the Hiyeda family during their long stay in Hillsboro and as a token of gratitude for the kind deeds done for them, Mr. Hiyeda gave Mayor Dennis a large sword-like weapon, which he still cherishes among his possessions.

Members of Council Discuss Request of Steiner for Stop at Engracia and Manuel

Some time was taken up during the meeting on Tuesday night of the city council, with the discussion of various matters, which will come up for official action later.

The placing of a boulevard stop sign at the intersection of Engracia and Manuel avenues, advocated by Councilman G. A. R. Steiner, brought out varying opinions.

In support of his proposal, Mr. Steiner stated that in the past few months nine accidents have occurred at this intersection.

Others of the council gave it as their opinion Torrance is already well supplied with boulevard stop signs, and that only through highways or heavily traveled thoroughfares should be posted. Too frequent stop signs, particularly in a residential district, are a source of irritation, not only to the motoring public but to the occupants of houses nearby who are frequently disturbed by the grinding of gears and squeaking of brakes incident to the management of cars at stopping points, it was pointed out.

Members of the council who tentatively opposed the placing of the new sign, made it apparent that very dangerous spots should be posted, but that in many cases a warning or slow sign instead of a full stop sign would be sufficient to protect the motorist.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to investigate the matter, and if a stop sign is warranted by traffic at this point a request will be made for the sign.

Taxes Cut 17c

Newly Annexed Territory Enables Council to Slash Rate

CITY TAX TO BE 53c

Torrance Will Have Lowest City Tax Rate in Entire Southwest

Torrance's municipal tax rate will be lower this year.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council, held Tuesday night, for the purpose of fixing the tax rate, new figures were submitted which represent a cut of 17 cents under last year's rate.

Ordinance No. 192 provided the following schedules:

General fund, 84 1/2 cents. Parks, music and advertising, 10c. Retirements of bonds and interest fund, 3 1/2 cents. Total tax rate, 53 cents.

Certain exceptions are noted in respect to the bond and interest tax, which applies only to property included in the city of Torrance at the time of the bond election held in 1922. New territory, which has been annexed since that time, is exempt from this levy, so that the municipal rate of these tracts will be less than fifty cents.

Territory included in that known as northwest Torrance, the Meadow Brook tract and Wateria will be free from the bond tax.

Last year's tax rate of 70 cents was second lowest in the state of California, being under-rated only by Vernon, also an industrial city.

The new rate of 53 cents will unquestionably place Torrance far below any other municipality in California in the matter of reduced taxes.

With an assessed valuation of \$22,465,580, the new rate will still provide Torrance with ample funds for all expenses, with a comfortable margin for improvements and expansion. Since \$10,774,270, or almost one-half of the total assessed valuation is due to the annexation of new territory, it is apparent that the policy of expansion which has been carried out up to this point has been of a great material benefit.

Some comparisons with the rates fixed by communities in Los Angeles county, place Torrance in an enviable light.

A city tax rate of 86 cents a \$100, the highest rate since 1894, is in prospect following the acceptance by the supervisors of the 1929-30 budget. County expenses this year will total over \$56,000,000, nearly a \$14,000,000 increase.

Municipal rates of neighboring cities are as follows: Hermosa Beach, \$1.50. Hawthorne, \$1.00. Compton, \$1.07. The Redondo rate has not been set, yet.

Pittsburg, Calif., in which northern city some mills of the Columbia Steel Corporation are located, has adopted a rate of \$1.60, more than three times that of its sister industrial city in the south.

PEDESTRIAN HIT BY CAR

Two Accidents Occur on Thursday of Last Week Here

Elizabeth Williams, 1001 Sartori Avenue, sustained bruises last Thursday afternoon, when she was struck by a car driven by L. Mariscal, employe of the Columbia Steel, as she was walking across the intersection of Sartori and Redondo boulevards.

Mariscal was making a left hand turn from Sartori to Redondo boulevard about 6 p. m. when the accident occurred. Miss Williams was treated at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital.

A crash where one car was turned completely around and the other, a heavy sedan, turned over, occurred at the intersection of Manuel and Acacia avenues Thursday afternoon at 5:30.

V. E. Benstead, 1318 Portola avenue, was the driver of the car turned around, and Lloyd Graff, 1922 Acacia avenue, was the driver of the sedan that turned over. Both men were shaken up but neither injured.

For Rent—Furnished apartments, single \$20.00, double \$30. Gas, water, lights included. Sam Levy, Phone 131-W, Torrance.—44.

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213th St. Appeal On Assessments is Set for Sept. 10th

The Los Angeles city council last week set September 10, as the date for hearing appeals against the confirmation of assessments for improvement of 213th street between Denker avenue and Western avenue, according to Councilman A. E. "Chick" Henning.

The authorization for the two new sub-stations came as the result of requests made some time ago by Mr. Gouder.

The sub-station in South Torrance will replace the present Wateria postoffice and will be located at the corner of Hawthorne boulevard and Newton street. Mrs. Lillie Lewis will be the clerk in charge.

The sub-station at the Doheny Stone plant will be known as the Hydrill station and will serve the industries now located in South Torrance as well as provide facilities for future industries that may locate there. Geo. Fay, auditor of the Doheny Stone Drill company, will be the clerk in charge.

TWO NEW P. O. SUB-STATIONS FOR TORRANCE

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